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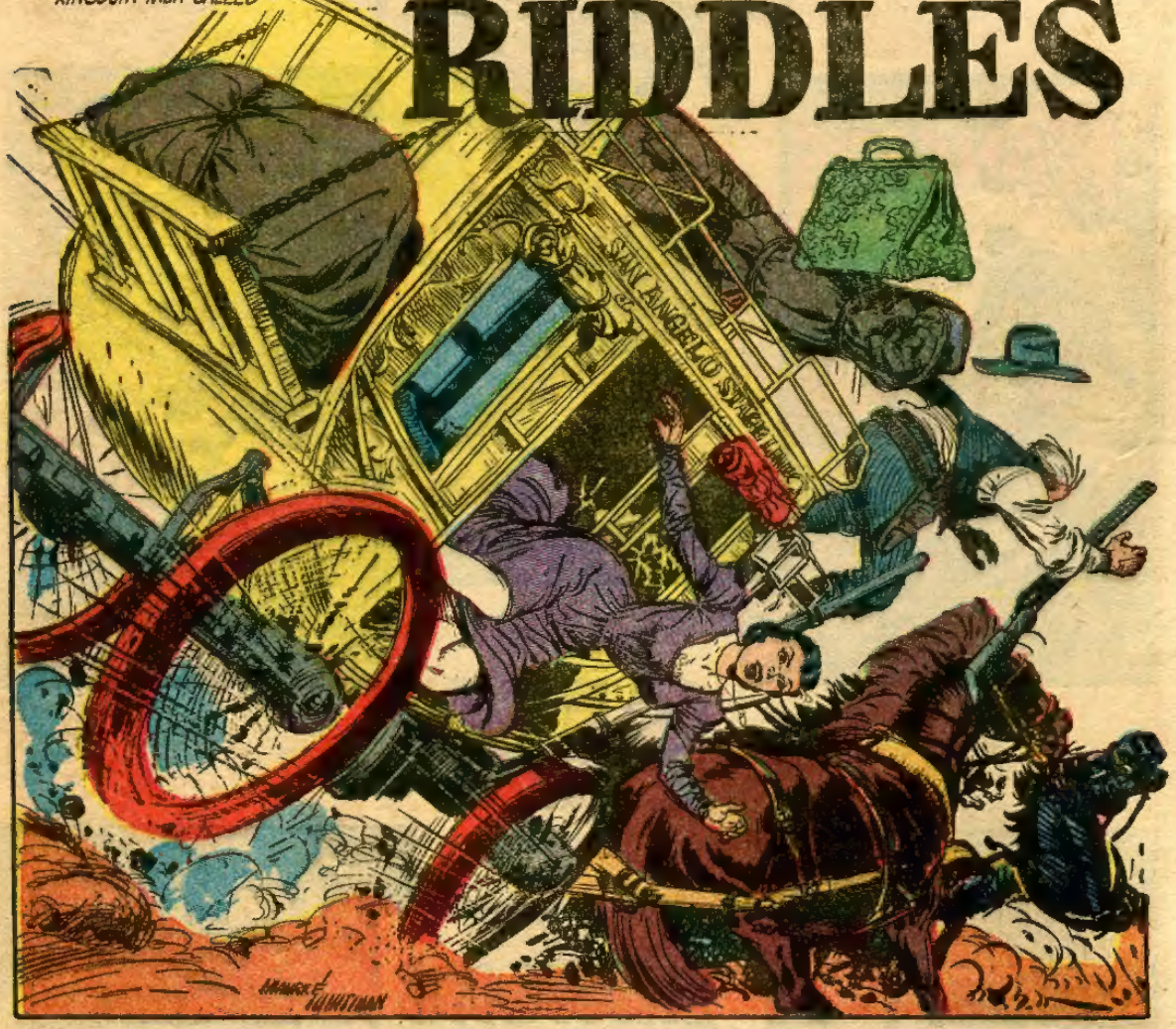

BETTER GET HER TO MY PLACE AND ROUND UP DOC BOWERS FAST.
BUT WE GOTTA FIND OUT WHO SHE IS – WHO TO NOTIFY...
THE LETTER IN HER BODICE –
TO SEÑOR MILO BRANDON...R-L RANCH... INTRODUCING ZITA SANDOVAL...GOLLY, HERE'S MY CHANCE!
I FORBID IT, YOU HEAR! THE R-L IS A GUN-HAWK ROOST. THEY SHOOT AND THEN ASK QUESTIONS!
BUT THEY WOULDN'T SHOOT A WOMAN! FOR SIX YEARS I'VE BEEN DYING TO SEE WHAT'S INSIDE THEIR FENCE, AND HERE'S A PERFECT PASS-PORT!
FOR THE R-L WAS A MYSTERY RANCH – TWELVE THOUSAND ACRES OF FORBIDDEN RANGE SINCE THE SYNDICATE OWNERS FENCED ITS BORDERS...
FREIGHT IN ALL THEIR SUPPLIES...THEIR RIDERS NEVER COME TO TOWN, EVEN REFUSED TO LET A SHERIFF'S POSSE THROUGH, THEY SAY.
THE R-L SYNDICATE
THEN, WITH THE FENCE BEHIND HER...
GATHERING CATTLE ALONG THE CREEK... SAY – WHAT'S GOING ON THERE?
BUT BELOW...
WHAT'S UP, RAMON?
SPY ON HATCHET HILL...I SEE TRACKS, SEÑOR SOLO – SEE WATCH-GLASS SHINE... FIX 'EM, HUH?

WORKING TRAIL-THIN CATTLE...BLOTTING BRANDS IN A HURRY...BUT THERE'VE BEEN NO RUSTLING REPORTS-
WHILE IN THE VALLEY-
DON'T CARE A HOOT IF THE BRAND LOOKS BLOTCHED... JUST COVER UP THE OLD MARK!
BUT WHY THE RUSH, MILO? THE LAW SNOOPIN' US AGAIN?
NO- SOMETHING COOKING FROM THE MEXICO END. INFORMATION'S BEEN LEAKING OUT... THEY'RE SENDING A TROUBLE-SHOOTER.
BAD TIME FOR A RAID TO HIT US...THEM SEÑORA BULLS ARE A DEAD GIVEAWAY!
YOU CAN SMELL IT HALF A MILE AWAY- SOMETHING CROOKED GOING ON. UNCLE HANK WAS RIGHT...SHOULDN'T HAVE COME...WHAT'S THAT?
GOT 'IM, RAMON! AND THEY JUST RAISED THE BOUNTY FOR NABBIN' SKULKERS TO FIFTY BUCKS!
MADRE MIO! HE'S A SHE-MALE!
I'LL HANDLE HER. LIGHT A SHUCK FOR THE CREEK AND TELL THE BOSS WHAT I'M FETCHING.

MEANWHILE, AT HANK HAYDEN'S TWIN-H RANCH...
SHE KEEPS FLINGIN' AROUND... TALKING MEX... ASKING FOR HER BAGGAGE...
SHOCK... KEEP HER QUIET AND DON'T LET ANYONE MOVE HER. I'LL GIVE HER A SLEEP-SHOT —
SPY ON THE PLACE... SOLO A FAKE... REAL SOLO DIED IN PRISON... GET HIM — KILL HIM!
FAKE — PRISON — KILL HIM! AND I LET THAT BULL-HEADED JESS RIDE INTO SUCH A VARMINT-NEST!
BUT ON HATCHET HILL...
ZITA SANDOVAL... LETTER TO MILO, EH? THEN THE JIG'S UP HERE AND WE'VE GOT TO WORK FAST —
YOUR GUN — DON'T — WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?
YOU'VE GOT TO TRUST ME... DO WHAT I SAY. TAKE MY GUN. HIT ME... HIT AS HARD AS YOU CAN!
QUICK! IT MAY SAVE BOTH OUR LIVES! HIT HARD AND RIDE, GIRL!
RIDE HOME... SIT TIGHT... SAY NOTHING UNTIL I COME COME THERE!
BUT HIS FACE — THE BLOOD — I'VE KILLED HIM!
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THAT NIGHT-
SHE'S RESTIN' BETTER, STOPPED MUMBLIN' THAT MEX TALK. WANTED HER MAKE-UP BAG WHEN SHE WOKE A WHILE AGO.
WHERE IS HE? MAYBE HE CAN'T COME!
WHO IS THIS WOMAN, JESS? WHAT HAPPENED ON YOUR RIDE THAT YOU'RE SCARED TO TELL?
PLEASE UNCLE HANK- DON'T CROWD ME!
HE'S DEAD, BOSS, SHE GRABBED HIS GUN- KILLED HIM!
OH, NO- NO! DON'T LET IT BE!
BUT OUT ON THE R-L BOUNDARY-
HOOF CROSS HERE...TRAVEL FOR SOUTH..GO VERY FAST.
HIS BUSTED HEAD FOOLED ME JUST LONG ENOUGH... BUT HE WON'T GET FAR AWAY!
GAL TOOK A RISK TO WARN HIM WE HAD OUR SUSPICIONS UP, EH? YOU SURE RAMON'S RIGHT - IT WAS HANK HAYDEN'S NIECE?
WE'LL KNOW RIGHT SOON. HAYDEN'S PLACE, BOYS... SHOOT ON SIGHT AND SHOOT TO KILL!
SOLO SLATER KNOWS TOO MUCH. IF HE LIVES TO TALK, HE'LL TAKE US ALL TO THE HANG-MAN!

EVEN THEN, AT THE TWIN-H...
YOU'RE ALIVE - YOU CAME!
NO TIME TO TELL THINGS, FOLKS. THEY'RE HOT BEHIND ME... THIS STAGECOACH WOMAN - WHERE'S HER BAGGAGE?
I HAVE BEEN WORKING A YEAR FOR THEM, HERE AND IN MEXICO, UNDER A DEAD KILLER'S NAME. YOUR PATIENT'S A MESSENGER FROM HEADQUARTERS -
BUT SUDDENLY...
YES, SEÑOR SPY - A MESSENGER WITH YOUR DEATH WARRENT!
DROP YOUR GUN! DON'T MOVE! HAH, YOU FOOL - TAKE IT!
BANG!
THEN JESS WAS SPRINGING INSTINCTIVELY AT THE HELL-CAT WOMAN...
SHE - SHE'S CRAZY WITH SLEEP - DRUGS - FAINTED AGAIN...
HOW BAD YOU HIT, SON?
CAN'T RIDE... I-I'M DONE UNLESS YOU HELP ME.
MY SADDLE-BAGS...CODE REPORTS SEWED INSIDE...TAKE 'EM TO TOM HAGGARD - THREE MILE SIDING...TELL 'EM THE IRON'S HOT!
AND THEN -
BUT YOU-- THEY'LL GET YOU!
NO...I'LL STILL BE HERE WHEN YOU COME BACK...WAITING TO TELL YOU WHAT A WONDER YOU ARE...
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ROUGH MILES TO RIDE, DARK TRAILS TO TRAVEL... THEN A SENTRY'S SHARP CHALLENGE AND DARK SHAPES SURROUNDING THEM AT THE CATTLE SIDING...

THE WORD'S COME, BOYS! BOOTS AND SADDLE!

RAID ON THE R-L HOME PLACE! MAN, WE'LL SMELL PLENTY POWDER TONIGHT!

BUT THE GAL SAYS THEY GOT TOM HAGGARD'S SCOUT IN A FIX!

HE'S BEEN SHOT - TOO WEAK TO RIDE. IF WE DON'T GET BACK THERE FAST...

DON'T WORRY, LITTLE LADY... JIM CARDINAL'S THE BEST DEPUTY A U.S. MARSHAL EVER HAD, AND I DON'T AIM TO LOSE HIM.

THIS SHOWDOWN'S BEEN PLANNED FOR A MONTH, WAITING WORD JIM HAD REAL EVIDENCE. HE SCHEMED THIS DEAL FROM START TO FINISH-

OH, PLEASE - LET'S HURRY! IF BRANDON'S KILLERS REACH HIM FIRST, WHAT GOOD IS ALL HIS EVIDENCE?

LATER, MILES DISTANT...

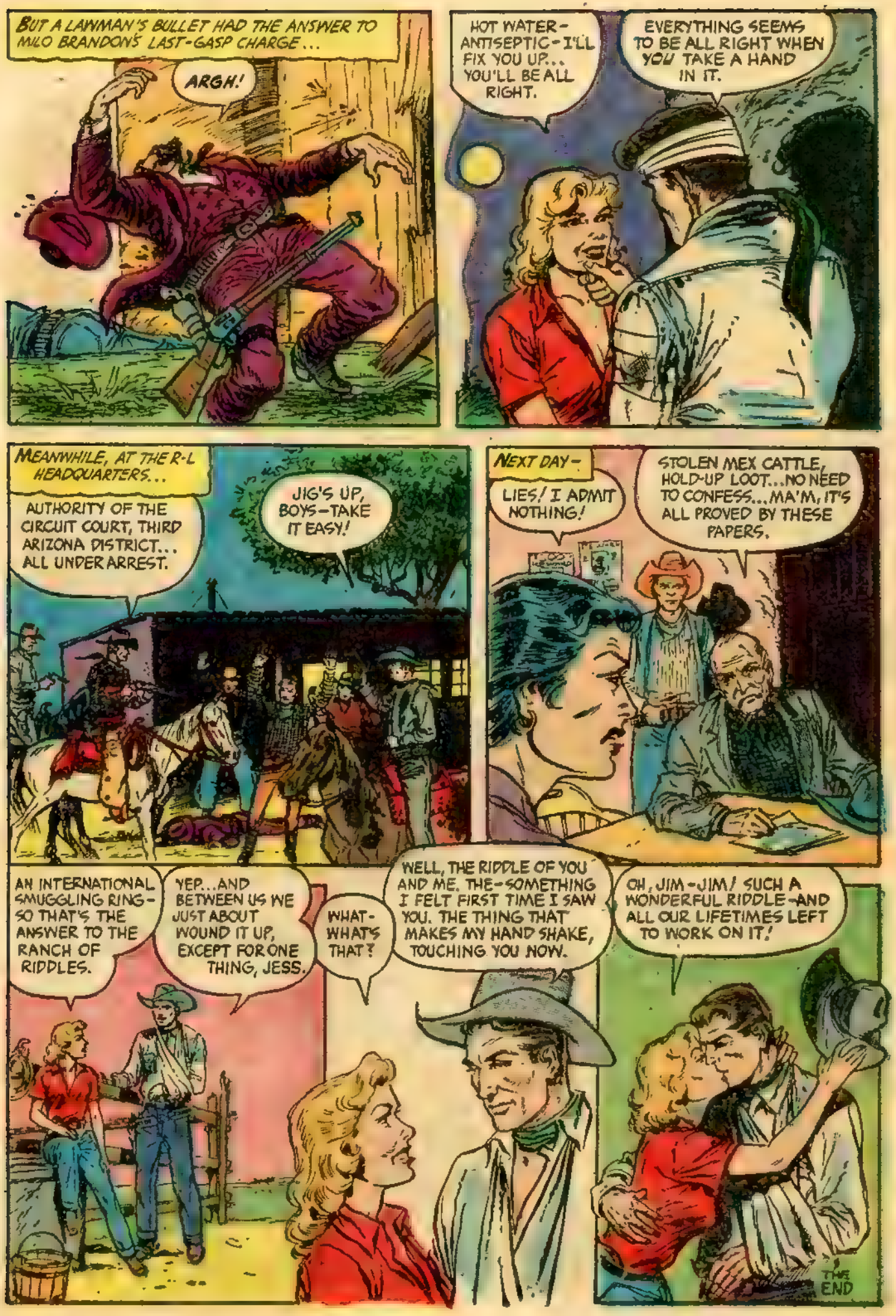
IN ON HIM! SMOKE HIM DOWN! HE'LL TALK US ALL TO THE GALLOWS, I TELL YOU!

BAM! BAM!

SURE, GENTS - PILE IN AND DIE! THE SYNDICATE CAN ALWAYS BUY NEW GUNHANDS!

YOU'RE FINISHED, YOU FOOL! THREE BIG POSSES ARE RAIDIN' THE R-L NOW... AND COMIN' DOWN THE RIDGE BEHIND YOU, BRANDON, LOOK!

TRAPPED! BUT THERE'S A TWO-FACED SPY I'M TAKIN' WITH ME!

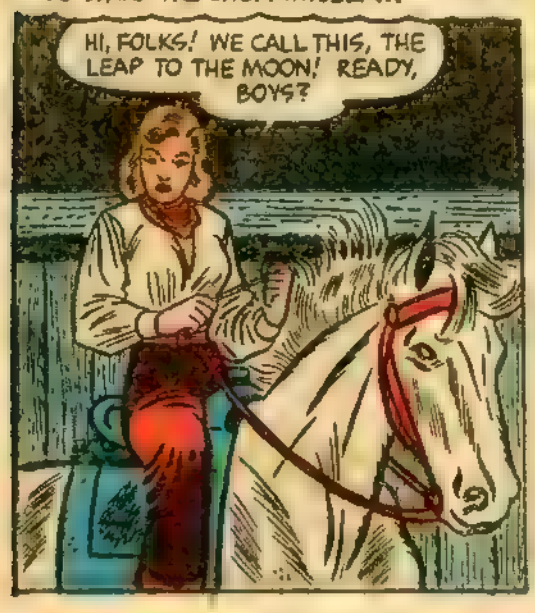

BUT A LAWMAN'S BULLET HAD THE ANSWER TO MILO BRANDON'S LAST-GASP CHARGE...
ARGH!
HOT WATER-ANTISEPTIC-I'LL FIX YOU UP... YOU'LL BE ALL RIGHT.
EVERYTHING SEEMS TO BE ALL RIGHT WHEN YOU TAKE A HAND IN IT.
MEANWHILE, AT THE R-L HEADQUARTERS...
AUTHORITY OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, THIRD ARIZONA DISTRICT... ALL UNDER ARREST.
JIG'S UP, BOYS-TAKE IT EASY!
NEXT DAY-
LIES! I ADMIT NOTHING!
STOLEN MEX CATTLE, HOLD-UP LOOT...NO NEED TO CONFESS...MA'M, IT'S ALL PROVED BY THESE PAPERS.
AN INTERNATIONAL SMUGGLING RING-SO THAT'S THE ANSWER TO THE RANCH OF RIDDLES.
YEP...AND BETWEEN US WE JUST ABOUT WOUND IT UP, EXCEPT FOR ONE THING, JESS.
WHAT-WHAT'S THAT?
WELL, THE RIDDLE OF YOU AND ME. THE-SOMETHING I FELT FIRST TIME I SAW YOU. THE THING THAT MAKES MY HAND SHAKE, TOUCHING YOU NOW.
OH, JIM-JIM! SUCH A WONDERFUL RIDDLE-AND ALL OUR LIFETIMES LEFT TO WORK ON IT!
THE END

THE SIX-UP WAS ONLY A SMALL TIME RODEO, PLAYING THE SCATTERED RANCH TOWNS OF THE FAR WEST. BUT STELLA DAWSON HAD BUILT THIS INHERITANCE FROM HER FATHER UPON TWO THINGS: DEEP GRAINED HONESTY; AND A PROMISE TO ALWAYS GIVE 'EM THEIR MONEY'S WORTH! NOW, TWO DAYS AFTER OPENING AT HIGH MESA CITY...

Love Rode In

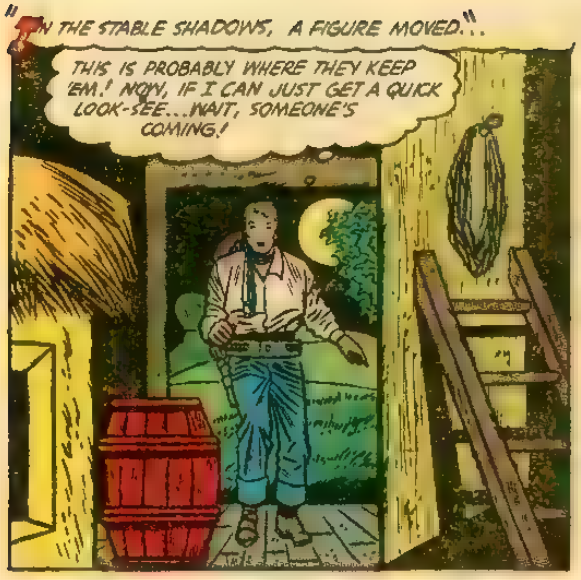
"ELECTRIC TENSION WAS IN THE AIR AS THE PRE-SHOW FANFARE WAS COMING TO AN END..."

"EVER SINCE DAD DIED, I'D MADE IT A POINT TO START THE SHOW MYSELF..."



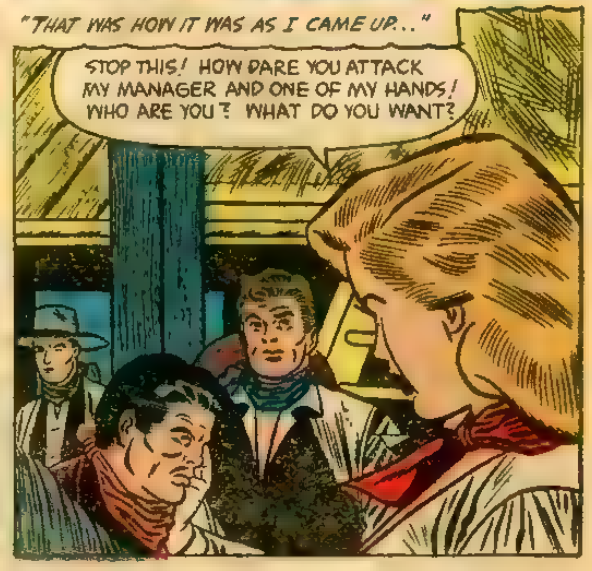
"THE CROWD'S TENSION BROKE INTO A WAVE OF APPLAUSE, THEN, AS DAZZLER AND I WENT SAILING THROUGH THE AIR..."

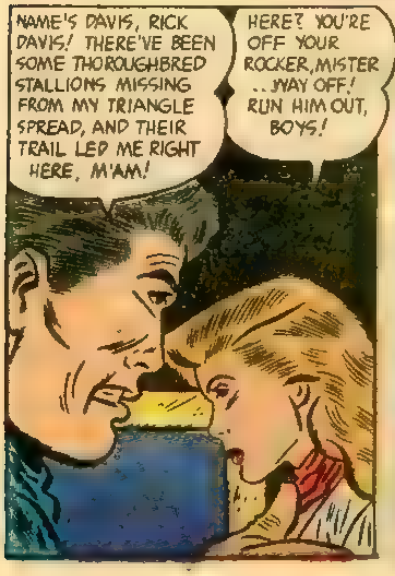
SHE'LL BE COMIN' IN NOW FOR A SPELL, VANCE... EVERYTHING FIXED AT THE STABLE?
SURE 'NUFF, ED! I FINISHED THE WORK AN HOUR AGO, AND... HEY, LOOK, WHAT'S THAT?


"...IN THE STABLE SHADOWS, A FIGURE MOVED..."
THIS IS PROBABLY WHERE THEY KEEP 'EM.! NOW, IF I CAN JUST GET A QUICK LOOK-SEE...WAIT, SOMEONE'S COMING!

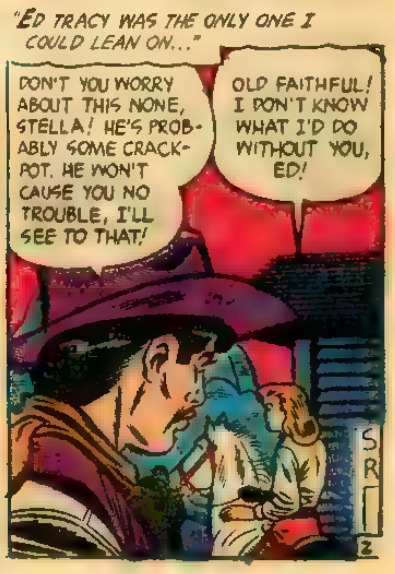
"THEN, SUDDENLY, THE RODEO MANAGER WAS YANKING HIM AROUND..."
A SNOOPER, EH? GRAB HIM FROM THE REAR, VANCE... QUICK!

"BUT THE STRANGER MOVED SWIFTER THAN EITHER OF THEM..."
I CAME TO HAVE A LOOK INSIDE THAT STABLE, AND I MEAN TO HAVE IT, MISTER!


"THAT WAS HOW IT WAS AS I CAME UP..."
STOP THIS! HOW DARE YOU ATTACK MY MANAGER AND ONE OF MY HANDS! WHO ARE YOU? WHAT DO YOU WANT?


NAME'S DAVIS, RICK DAVIS! THERE'VE BEEN SOME THOROUGHBRED STALLIONS MISSING FROM MY TRIANGLE SPREAD, AND THEIR TRAIL LED ME RIGHT HERE, M'AM!
HERE? YOU'RE OFF YOUR ROCKER, MISTER ..WAY OFF! RUN HIM OUT, BOYS!

ALL RIGHT, DAVIS... YOU HEARD THE LADY...GIT MOVIN'!
YEH! AN' A LITTLE ADVICE TUH STAY MOVIN', BUD! DON'T COME BACK!


"ED TRACY WAS THE ONLY ONE I COULD LEAN ON..."
DON'T YOU WORRY ABOUT THIS NONE, STELLA! HE'S PROBABLY SOME CRACKPOT. HE WON'T CAUSE YOU NO TROUBLE, I'LL SEE TO THAT!
OLD FAITHFUL! I DON'T KNOW WHAT I'D DO WITHOUT YOU, ED!
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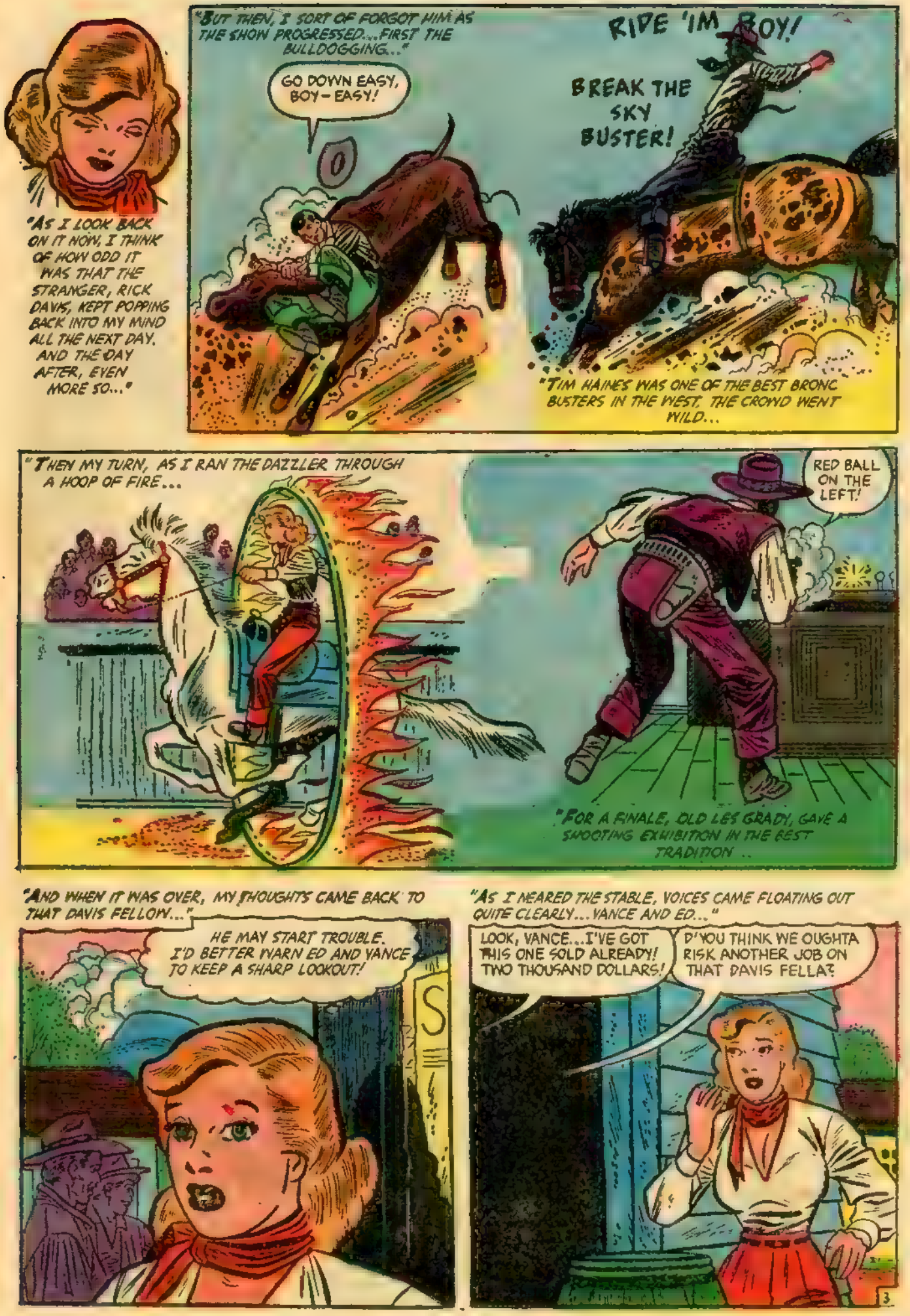
"AS I LOOK BACK ON IT NOW, I THINK OF HOW ODD IT WAS THAT THE STRANGER, RICK DAVIS, KEPT POPPING BACK INTO MY MIND ALL THE NEXT DAY, AND THE DAY AFTER, EVEN MORE SO..."
"BUT THEN, I SORT OF FORGOT HIM AS THE SHOW PROGRESSED...FIRST THE BULLDOGGING..."
GO DOWN EASY, BOY - EASY!
RIDE 'IM BOY!
BREAK THE SKY BUSTER!
"TIM HAINES WAS ONE OF THE BEST BRONC BUSTERS IN THE WEST. THE CROWD WENT WILD...
"THEN MY TURN, AS I RAN THE DAZZLER THROUGH A HOOP OF FIRE...
RED BALL ON THE LEFT!
"FOR A FINALE, OLD LES GRADY, GAVE A SHOOTING EXHIBITION IN THE BEST TRADITION ..
"AND WHEN IT WAS OVER, MY THOUGHTS CAME BACK TO THAT DAVIS FELLOW..."
HE MAY START TROUBLE. I'D BETTER WARN ED AND VANCE TO KEEP A SHARP LOOKOUT!
"AS I NEARED THE STABLE, VOICES CAME FLOATING OUT QUITE CLEARLY... VANCE AND ED..."
LOOK, VANCE...I'VE GOT THIS ONE SOLD ALREADY! TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS!
D'YOU THINK WE OUGHTA RISK ANOTHER JOB ON THAT DAVIS FELLA?
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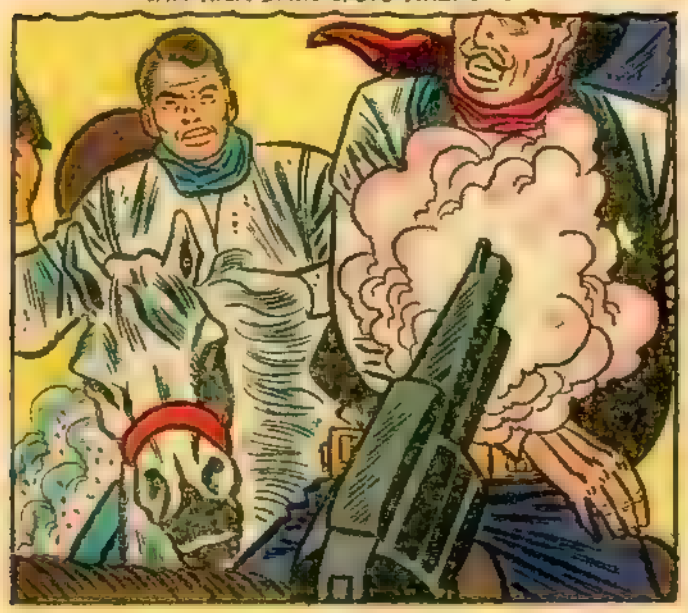
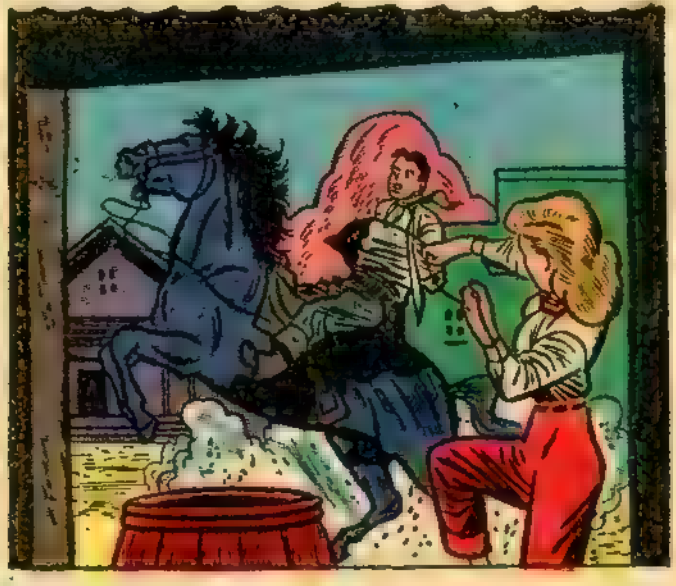
WHY NOT? HE CAN'T PROVE ANYTHING, AND IF HE DOES, IT'S STELLA THAT'LL GET THE BLAME!
YEH, I GETCHA, THERE, THIS BABY'S GOT ALL THE SPOTS BLACKENED OUT NOW!
THIS RACKET COULDN'T BE SWEETER ...THE GAL TRUSTS ME LIKE A BROTHER. SWELL COVER UP WE HAVE HERE, EH?
WE NEVER RUSTLE THE SAME PLACE TWICE, EITHER! HEY, SOME-ONE'S COMIN', ED!
"I HAD HEARD IT ALL, AND THE ANGER WAS IN MY FACE AS I LASHED OUT..."
I HAD A FEELING THAT STRANGER WASN'T LYING! WE'LL SEE HOW LONG THIS SWEET LITTLE RACKET LASTS! I'M GOING FOR THE SHERIFF!
"BEFORE I COULD LEAVE, TRACY'S HAND GRIPPED ME..."
HOLD ON, SWEETHEART! MEBBE WE'VE GOT SOMETHIN' TO SAY ABOUT THAT! GIT A GAG, VANCE! QUICK!
"I TOOK A DEEP BITE OF HIS HAND, THEN..."
HELP! HELP!
OUTSIDE...
I THINK YOU'RE MAKIN' A MISTAKE, RICK, ACCUSIN' STELLA DAWSON O' THIEVERY! SHE'S HONEST AS TH' DAY IS LONG!
THE TRAIL OF MY THREE STALLIONS LED HERE, SHERIFF! I'M NOT ACCUSIN' ANYONE, BUT... HEY LISTEN, THAT SCREAM...THE STABLE!
"AFTER THAT, EVERYTHING SEEMED TO HAPPEN WITH AN UNREAL SWIFTNESS..."
YOUR FIRST SHOT GITS THE GAL, GENTS!

"IN THE HAZE OF GUNSMOKE, I SAW THE SHERIFF TOPPLE, SAW RICK DAVIS SPURT AHEAD...



"I SAW THE BREATHTAKING WINDUP, AS DAVIS JUMPED..."

"I MUST HAVE WOKE OUT OF MY STUPOR, THEN, BECAUSE MY ROPE WAS TUGGING VANCE INTO A HELPLESS HEAP...



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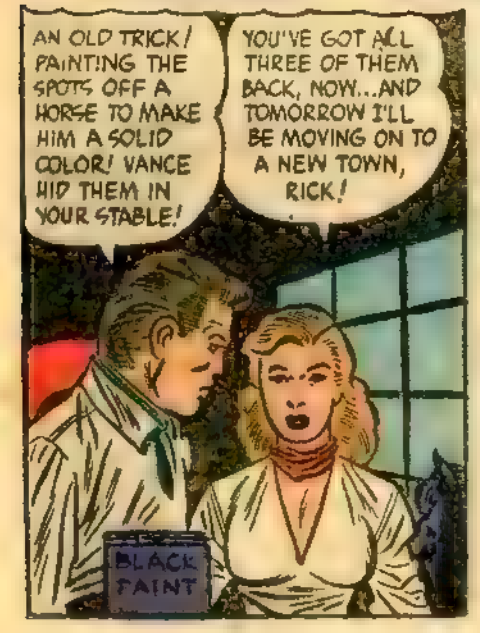
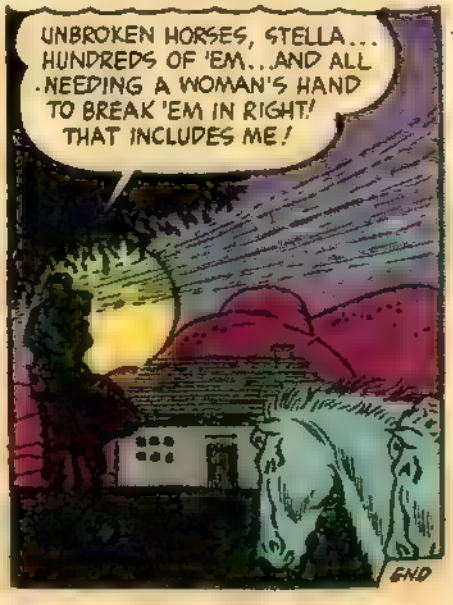

AN OLD TRICK! PAINTING THE SPOTS OFF A HORSE TO MAKE HIM A SOLID COLOR! VANCE HID THEM IN YOUR STABLE!
YOU'VE GOT ALL THREE OF THEM BACK, NOW...AND TOMORROW I'LL BE MOVING ON TO A NEW TOWN, RICK!
BLACK PAINT

MOVE ON? WHY NOT STAY RIGHT HERE! WE COULD USE THE SHOW AS AN OUTLET FOR MY MOUNTS!
YOU MEAN PARTNERS...YOU AND ME? I-I'D HAVE TO THINK IT OVER, RICK, I...

"BUT LATER, OUT AT HIS RANCH, I KNEW WHAT MY ANSWER WOULD BE..."



REVENGE ON THE REBOUND

by CHRISTIE SANDERS

OUT ACROSS the desert Menifee's last sun was sinking.

Menifee didn't know it was his last sun. He only knew that he was dog-tired, sticky with perspiration, dry-mouthed and thick-tongued with thirst. Beyond that physical realization his brain had ceased to function. That is, it had ceased to function voluntarily, and was incapable of clear thought unless brought up sharply by some sudden shock.

The shock was lying in wait for him, drawing nearer with each staggering step he took.

Before his sight the objects on the desert, even the molten floor of cruelly glittering sand itself, danced and shimmered in the heat waves. Menifee had been on the desert before, but he hadn't known there was such an inferno of torrid air in any place.

He stumbled to his knees, struggled up again and fought his way on through the clogging sand. He was about done. The heat waves seemed to rise in a sudden swirl, like a small hurricane, and whip dizzily about him. Swaying, he kept his feet and gave his head a sharp jerk to clear his senses. It was then he saw the water-hole, dead ahead. His throat emitted a hoarse gurgle that was meant for a triumphant shout, and he started for it with renewed strength.

He saw a man sitting at the left of the water-hole and staring up at him. Again Menifee stopped, not ten feet from the pool sunk in the sand, starting, returning the stare leveled at him, feeling a swift paralysis seize all his muscles.

"Bankroft!" he cried, his voice rasping harshly, his eyes widening in incredulous terror, "I thought you was dead!"

"Yes?" Bankroft smiled slightly, and Menifee saw that his old enemy held him steadily covered with a heavy Colt .41. "It's no thanks to you that I'm not, Bent. You thought you got me right that day, didn't you? This is the same water-hole where you plugged me in the back and left me to die by inches in the sun, four years ago!"

"Well, a heck of a lot of good it did me!" Manifee's rasping voice held a pleading whine. "Don't let's quarrel about it now, Bankroft. I'm darn sorry I did it. Wait 'til I get a drink—and we'll talk it over."

Manifee slumped to his belly and started to crawl toward the water-hole.

"Stop right there!" Bankroft's voice was hard and menacing, and he shifted the Colt half an inch with a meaning unmistakable. "You're not getting a drink."

"Why—why, what? What the heck's the matter with yuh?" Menifee demanded every word born in pain as he tore it from his clogging throat. His reddened eyes protruded at the thought of being denied the water just beyond his reach. "You tryin' to keep me away from the water?"

"I am keeping you away from the water. Just that. I begged you for just one drop at the brink of this same water-hole four years ago. You wouldn't let me have it. And when I defied you and started for the water-hole you shot me—in the back.

"What did you do then?" Bankroft's eyes bored into Menifee mercilessly. "Filled your water-bags, hung 'em on your burro and went on—leaving me here to lie and die by torture in the sun. You were so darned sure you'd got me that you didn't even take the trouble to plug me again and make sure. Now you're going to lie there and know exactly the same torture I knew 'til the sun sizzles

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"PULLING BONERS" on stamps, as described in a previous article, is the making of embarrassing mistakes by engravers who produce the designs which appear on stamps. In spite of careful research into old pictures and records these mistakes continue to occur and in the following paragraphs some of the recent "boners" are explained.

In 1933, Canada issued a 5-cent stamp to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the first passage under steam by the steamship Royal William. This vessel was a paddle wheeler, whereas the engraver unwittingly shows the Royal William to be a screw-propeller type of ship.

A really embarrassing mistake or prize "boner", occurred on the Soviet Russian stamp of 1936, issued in commemoration of the 100th birthday of Nicolai Dobrolubov, a famous Russian revolutionary writer and critic. The portrait on the stamp shows Nicolai Dobrolubov, however, beneath his portrait appears the caption A. N. Dobrolubov, the name of a mystical religious poet who is detested by the Communists.

On the stamps of Gambia, the British colony in West Africa, there appeared in the 1922 issue a picture of an elephant with its hind legs formed like those of a horse. Elephants have only two rear leg joints whereas a horse has more than two. Stamp collectors called attention to this error and it was widely published. However, in 1938 when the new series of stamps showing King George VI appeared, the same elephant with the faulty legs was reproduced.

The Australian commemorative set of 1937, issued on the 150th anniversary of the founding of New South Wales, depicts Governor Phillip landing at Sydney Cove in 1788 wearing epaulettes on his shoulder. According to the author of British Naval Customs and Traditions, epaulettes were not worn on uniforms until 1795.

Another error was the one detected by New Zealand stamp collectors who discovered that the 1-pence stamp of the New Zealand Chamber of Commerce issue of 1936, showing a truck carried a license plate number valid only for passenger cars.

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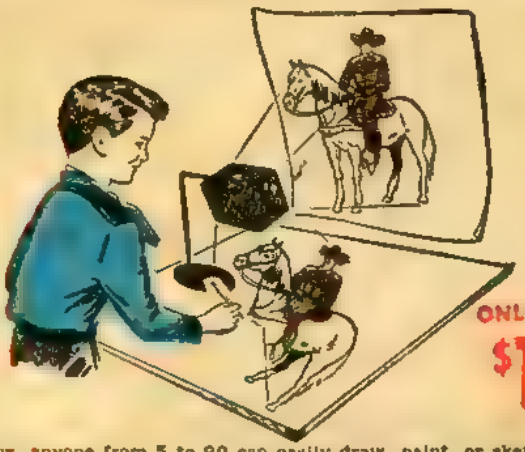

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you and fries you and bakes you into unconsciousness."

"Suppose I make a start—for the—water-hole?" Menifee gasped.

"I'll plug you, and I'll shoot to kill. You've got to pay for what you made me suffer, Bent Menifee. My wound brought on fever and put me out quicker than you'll go. You'll get a little extra dose of your own medicine."

Menifee stared at the water-hole and shivered in terror. The thought that water was just within an arm's reach increased his raging thirst tenfold.

It seemed that a hundred hours passed. All the tortures of the deepest pits of hell seemed mild to the inferno Menifee knew. His sweat-soaked garments dried stiff against his skin. His pores dried. He turned his eyes to Bankroft in a wild stare.

"Bank-roft—" he croaked, "jus'—one—d-drop!"

"Not a drop! Lie still."

Menifee sunk his chin into the sand. Funny for Bankroft to say that. He *had* to lie still. Didn't Bankroft know he had been beyond moving for a long time? Did Bankroft know he had cached his gun a long way back to relieve himself of all excess weight? No matter. He was too far gone to have pulled it on Bankroft, anyhow. Bankroft had him dead to rights. His brain was whirling and fogging, when a grisly thought snapped it clear for a moment.

"Bank-roft—th-the—buzz'rds—"

"You poor fool! There are no buzzards in this territory. This is the most God-forsaken piece of country on the globe!" Bankroft continued. "Have you forgotten that was why you lured me out here and plugged me, four years ago? Pretended it was the only water-hole in miles? When you knew there was another better and bigger hole half the distance. That hole was where everybody went. I was new to this country. It was easy for you to fool me. Had it all nicely planned, didn't you, Bent? *This* hole was isolated. You thought you could plug me out here where you'd never be caught for it, then go back and relocate my claim. Yeh, a lot of good it did you all right. Didn't know I'd deserted the claim, did you—deserted it because the pay streak was a flash that pinched right out?

"Thought you were pretty clever, didn't you? Never occurred to you that somebody just might happen along, and find me not quite dead, did it? Shall I give you a little drink, Bent?"

Menifee was past speaking. He tried to move his blistered tongue, but no sound came from his throat. Water! God, if Bankroft *would* only give him water!

"I know what you're thinking," Bankroft gloated. "Wouldn't just one mouthfull of that water taste like heaven, Bent? But you can't have it. Water! Look at it! Water!"

But Bent Menifee was even beyond seeing. He lay stretched inert on the sand, breathing with difficulty, sobbing, choking breaths.

Two days later there arrived at the water-hole men who had followed Menifee from the desert town where he had robbed a store of cash and grub. They had trailed him across the roundabout way he had taken into this isolated section of the desert, where he had believed he would be safe from pursuit.

They found Menifee flat on his belly not two feet from the water-hole. He was as dead as a doornail.

Across the water-hole, crouched in a half sitting position, was a bleached skeleton. Across the ragged remnants of trouser leg covering the bony knee, caught in such a way that it rested there, lay an old, rusted .41 Colt revolver.

THE END

FOR A YEAR MY SILENT PRAYERS HAD BEEN PLEADING —

Send Back My Love

FOR A YEAR I'D BEEN DREAMING OF THE DAY WHEN DAN WINTERS WOULD RIDE HOME AGAIN... FREE OF DANGER, FREE OF THE PAST, FREE TO HOLD ME IN HIS ARMS...BUT WHEN THAT GREAT DAY CAME —
BUT WHY THE BIG RUSH, DAD? WHAT'S WRONG AT AUNT CARRIE'S THAT NEEDS ME SO SUDDEN?
UH - HER RIDER DIDN'T SAY. KIDS SICK, I RECKON. BETTER DRIVE THE SHORTCUT, BOB...
WAIT! LOOK AT ME! YOUR GUNBELT MISSING FROM ITS PEG — THERE'S TROUBLE IN THE WIND!
GO ON, I TELL YOU IT'S NONE OF YOUR AFFAIR, KITTEN...
AND THEN I KNEW —
THAT RIDER — HE WASN'T ONE OF AUNT CARRIE'S HANDS! YOU JUST WANT ME OUT OF THE WAY —
WOMEN! NOTHING ELSE IN THE WORLD AS SKITTISH! GET MOVIN', BOB!
SIT TIGHT, MISS KITTY! THE JUDGE KNOWS WHAT HE'S DOIN'!
DAN WINTERS! HE'S BACK FROM MONTANA —

AND SUDDENLY, IN MY MIND, DADDY'S LAST WORDS TO HIM WERE SOUNDING. "COME BACK WITHOUT MY SAY-SO, DAN, AND IT'S EITHER JAIL OR THE GRAVEYARD!"

MY FATHER IS JUDGE SAM LINCOLN, SOMETIMES CALLED "THE SHOOTING JUDGE," AND THE RANGE FIGHT BETWEEN DAN'S FOLKS AND THE HANRAHANS STARTED IN HIS COURT...

BUT THEN IT BLAZED TO A LAWLESS SHOWDOWN IN THE TERRIBLE SHOOT-OUT AT RATTLESNAKE WELLS..."

YOU ASKED FER IT, YOU DRYGULCHIN' SONS!

SHOT BADLY IN THE BACK! SMOKE 'EM DOWN!

AND WHEN IT ENDED —

BOTH YOUR BROTHERS KILLED...SIX MORE HURT BAD...AND BY LAW THE BLAME IS YOURS, BOY!

THEY'RE LYIN', JUDGE! BUT SINCE I CAN'T PROVE IT, GUESS I GOT TO DO WHAT YOU SAY...

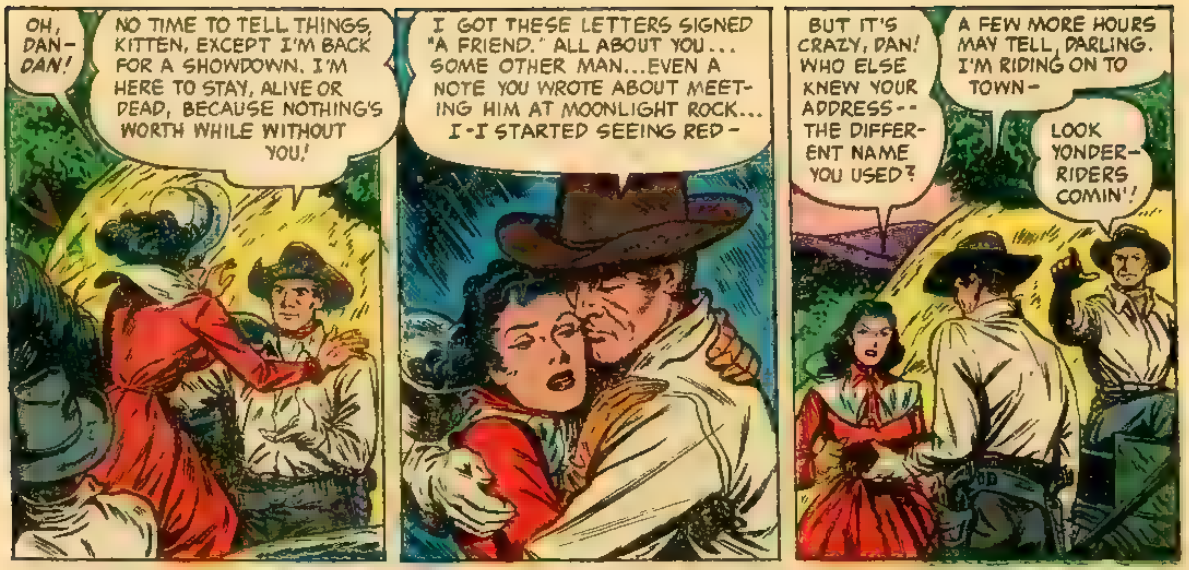
HE'S ORDERING IT FOR YOUR OWN SAKE, DAN —

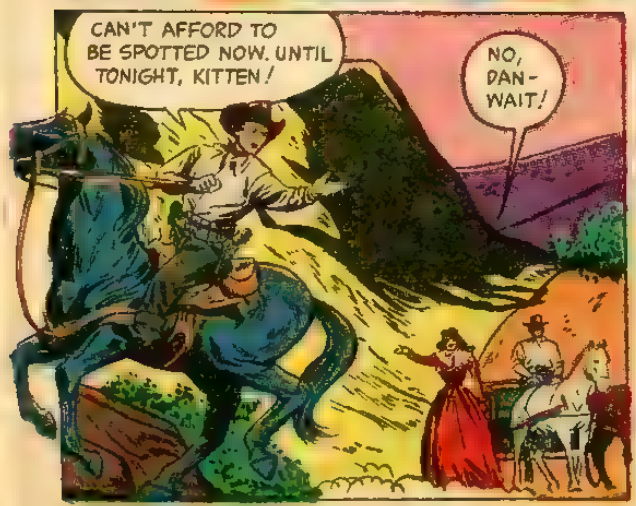
BUT I'LL BE BACK, DARLING! YOU'RE MINE — AND MAN NOR DEVIL WON'T KEEP US APART!

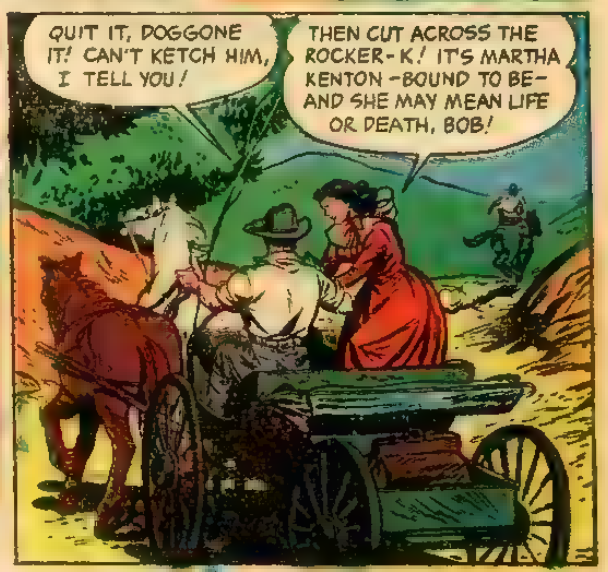
BUT PAP'S SUCH A BULL-HEAD AND DAN'S SO QUICK TEMPERED! PLEASE, BOB — YOU'VE GOT TO TURN BACK!

UNH-UH! ORDERS IS ORDERS...MY ADVICE IS TO TRUST YOUR DADDY — HOLD ON! WHAT IS THAT WAVIN' YONDER?

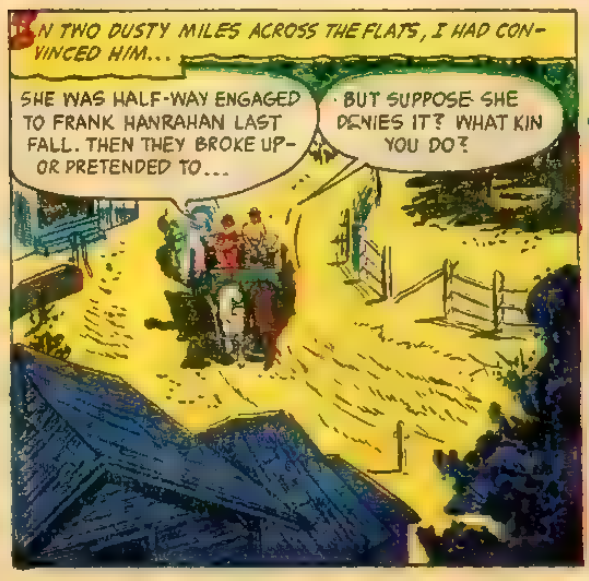
EASY WITH THAT HOGLEG, BOB! I KNOW I SWORE I WOULDN'T, BUT MY HEART'S JUST SICK TO SEE HER!


OH, DAN-DAN!
NO TIME TO TELL THINGS, KITTEN, EXCEPT I'M BACK FOR A SHOWDOWN. I'M HERE TO STAY, ALIVE OR DEAD, BECAUSE NOTHING'S WORTH WHILE WITHOUT YOU!
I GOT THESE LETTERS SIGNED "A FRIEND." ALL ABOUT YOU... SOME OTHER MAN...EVEN A NOTE YOU WROTE ABOUT MEETING HIM AT MOONLIGHT ROCK... I-I STARTED SEEING RED-
BUT IT'S CRAZY, DAN! WHO ELSE KNEW YOUR ADDRESS-- THE DIFFERENT NAME YOU USED?
A FEW MORE HOURS MAY TELL, DARLING. I'M RIDING ON TO TOWN-
LOOK YONDER-RIDERS COMIN'!

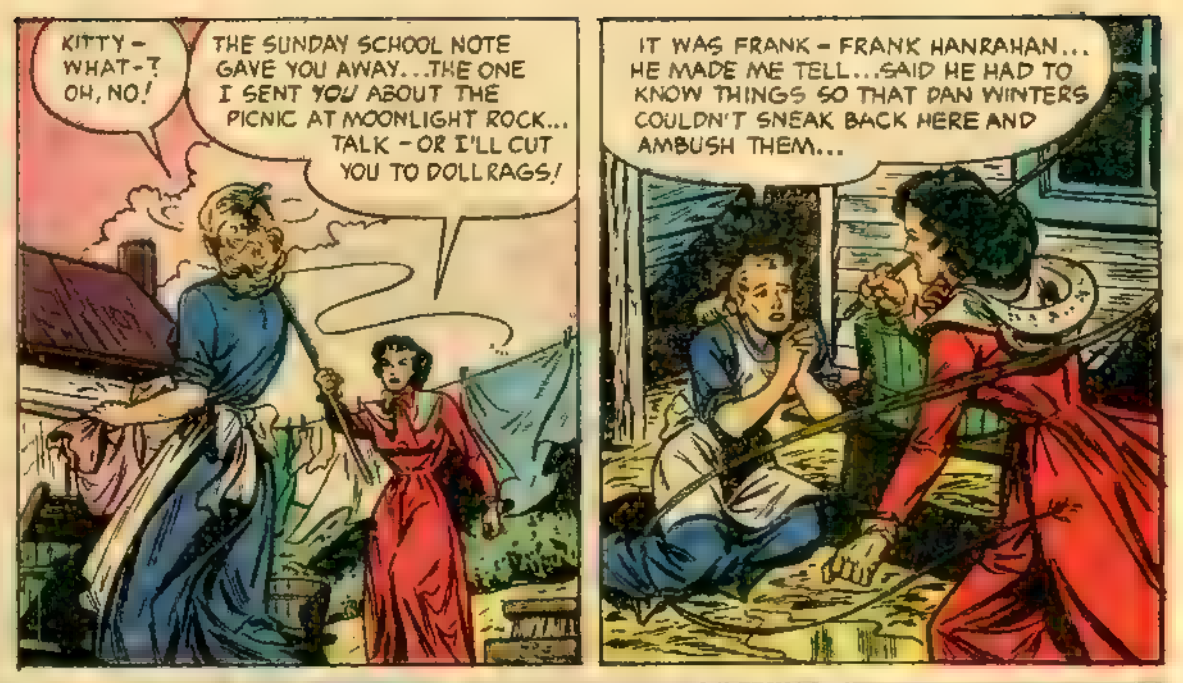


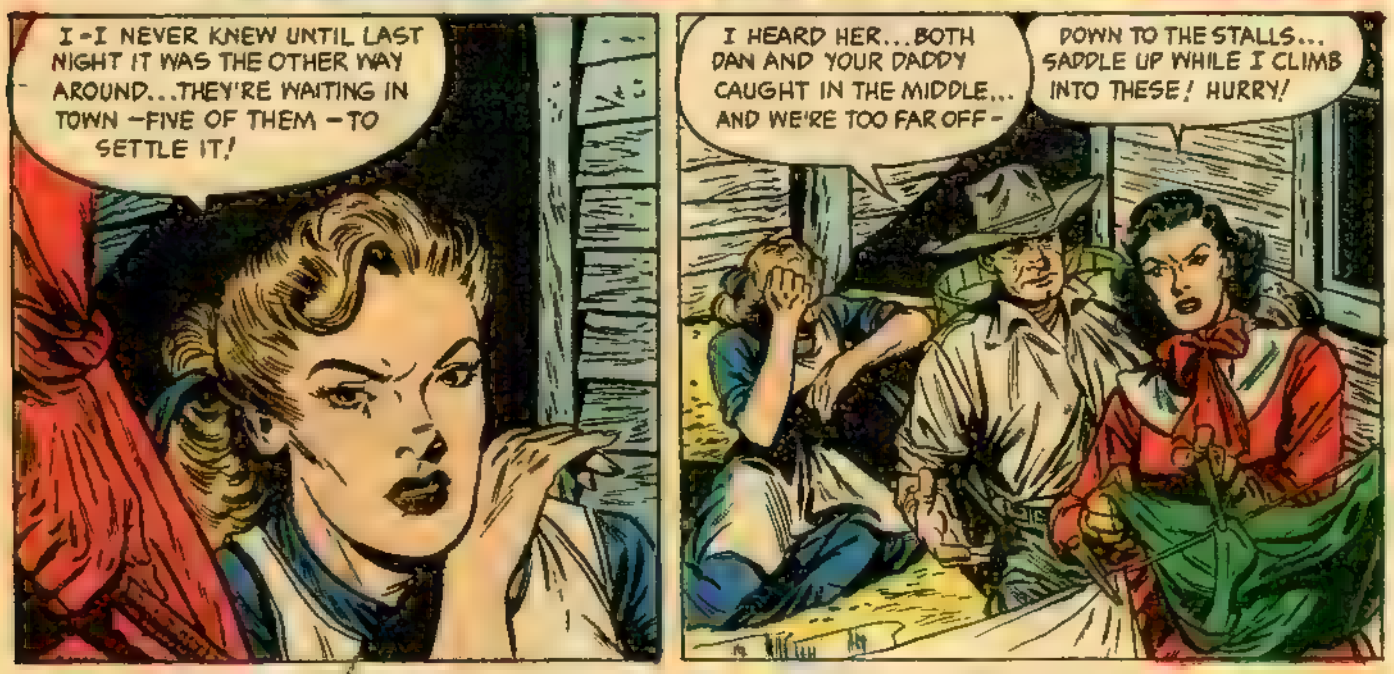

QUIT IT, DOGGONE IT! CAN'T KETCH HIM, I TELL YOU!
THEN CUT ACROSS THE ROCKER-K! IT'S MARTHA KENTON-BOUND TO BE-AND SHE MAY MEAN LIFE OR DEATH, BOB!

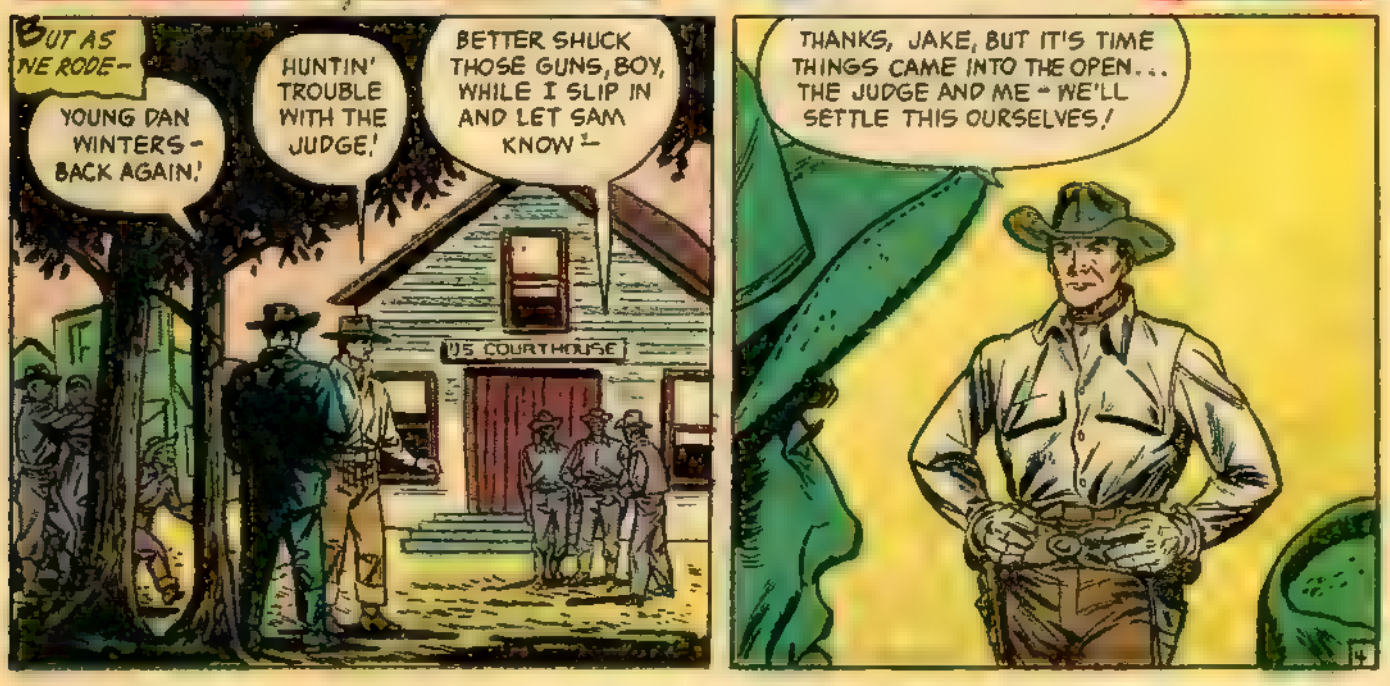
FOR SUDDENLY I SAW THE UGLY PATTERN BEHIND THOSE TWO WORDS - MOONLIGHT ROCK!


...N TWO DUSTY MILES ACROSS THE FLATS, I HAD CONVINCED HIM...
SHE WAS HALF-WAY ENGAGED TO FRANK HANRAHAN LAST FALL. THEN THEY BROKE UP-OR PRETENDED TO...
BUT SUPPOSE SHE DENIES IT? WHAT KIN YOU DO?

MARTHA KENTON, SO SWEET AND UNDERSTANDING... SO MUCH LIKE A SISTER! AND WHAT SECRETS COULD I HIDE FROM HER IN OUR DAYS AND NIGHTS TOGETHER?


KITTY - WHAT-? OH, NO!
THE SUNDAY SCHOOL NOTE GAVE YOU AWAY...THE ONE I SENT YOU ABOUT THE PICNIC AT MOONLIGHT ROCK... TALK - OR I'LL CUT YOU TO DOLL RAGS!
IT WAS FRANK - FRANK HANRAHAN... HE MADE ME TELL...SAID HE HAD TO KNOW THINGS SO THAT DAN WINTERS COULDN'T SNEAK BACK HERE AND AMBUSH THEM...


I - I NEVER KNEW UNTIL LAST NIGHT IT WAS THE OTHER WAY AROUND...THEY'RE WAITING IN TOWN - FIVE OF THEM - TO SETTLE IT!
I HEARD HER...BOTH DAN AND YOUR DADDY CAUGHT IN THE MIDDLE... AND WE'RE TOO FAR OFF -
DOWN TO THE STALLS... SADDLE UP WHILE I CLIMB INTO THESE! HURRY!

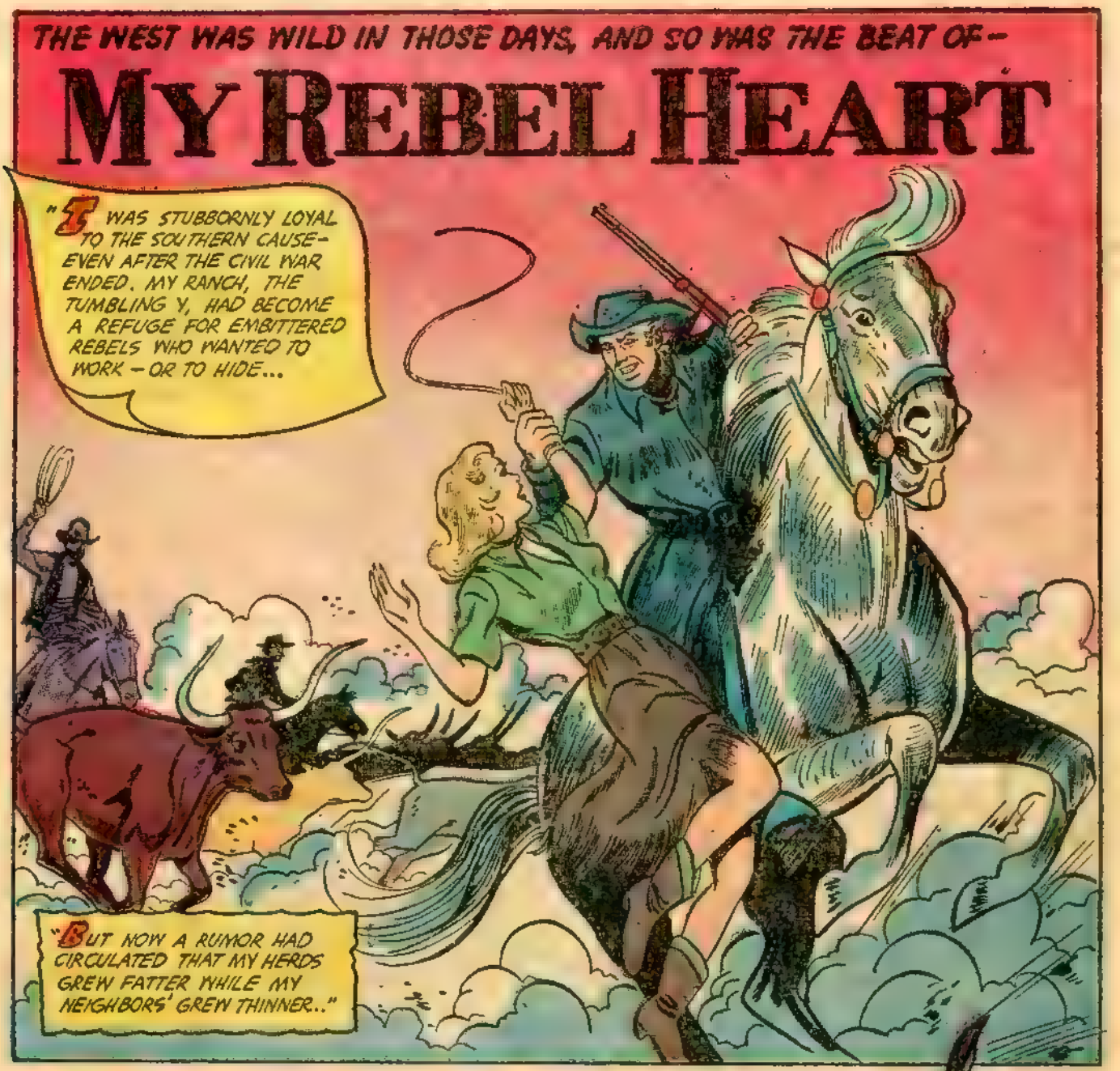

BUT AS WE RODE -
YOUNG DAN WINTERS - BACK AGAIN!
HUNTIN' TROUBLE WITH THE JUDGE!
BETTER SHUCK THOSE GUNS, BOY, WHILE I SLIP IN AND LET SAM KNOW -
115 COURTHOUSE
THANKS, JAKE, BUT IT'S TIME THINGS CAME INTO THE OPEN... THE JUDGE AND ME - WE'LL SETTLE THIS OURSELVES!

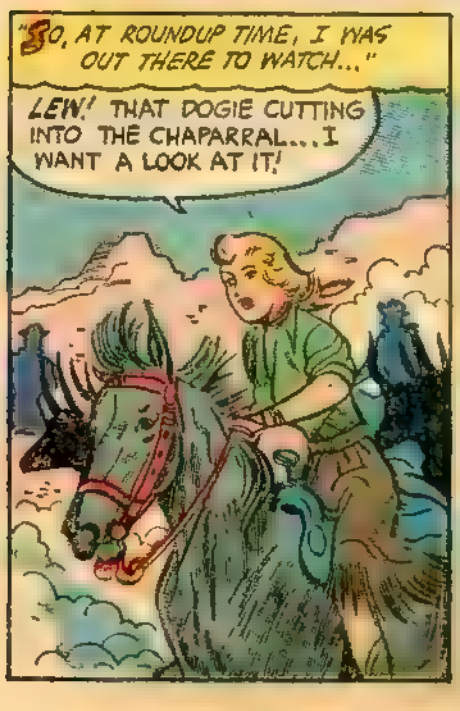
THE TOWN WAS QUIET, TENSE AND WAITING, WHEN WE CAME RIDING IN...
MAIN STREET'S -- EMPTY! WE'RE TOO LATE, BOB!
NO, WE AIN'T! CROWD'S UP AT THE COURTHOUSE THERE - C'MON!
DAN - DAD! STOP THEM! IT'S A MURDER-TRAP!
THE HANRAHANS - FIVE OF THEM! LET ME THROUGH!
STAY BACK! THERE'LL BE BULLETS RIPPIN' IN TEN SECONDS MORE!
ALL RIGHT, JUDGE - WHAT'S THE VERDICT?
GUILTY, SON - AND HERE RIDES THE PROOF BEHIND! FLATTEN OUT!
IT WAS BULLET PROOF...KILLER-PROOF...FRANK HANRAHAN'S GUN-HAWK JURY!
CAN'T LET HIM KILL THE JUDGE, BOYS - FIX 'IM!
BUT SUDDENLY THEIR CHARGE WAS MET BY TWO GUNS THAT TURNED IN DEADLY UNISON TO BLAST OUT SHOTS OF WARNING.
YOUR AMBUSH BACKFIRED, FRANK! NEXT TIME WE SHOOT TO KILL!
DAN AND DAD FIGHTING TOGETHER! THEY - THEY MUST HAVE PLANNED IT ALL BETWEEN THEM!

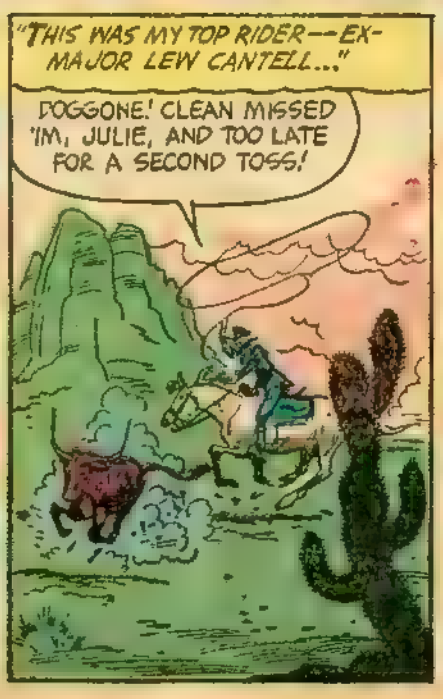
YOU'RE NOT THE ONLY MAN WHO CAN BAIT A SKUNK-TRAP, FRANK! LOOK WHAT SHERIFF WAYNE HAS GOT BEHIND YOU! DROP YOUR WEAPONS OR YOU'RE DEAD MEN!
A DOZEN MEN... RIOT GUNS...HOLD OFF, SHERIFF – WE'LL STAND PEACEFUL!
POISON-PEN LETTERS...FIGURED THEY'D BRING DAN ROARING BACK SO YOU COULD KILL HIM ON PRETENSE OF PROTECTING ME, EH?
AND WHY DID YOU WANT HIM KILLED SO BAD, FRANK? WAS IT BECAUSE HIS OLD CLAIM OF FORGERY IN YOUR LAND DEEDS MIGHT BE TRUE?
A PACK OF LIES! WHERE'S MY LAWYER?
YOU HAD IT ALL PLANNED OUT WITH DAD! YET YOU KEPT US ALL THINKING THAT YOU AND HE MIGHT-
IT WAS RISKY, HONEY- BUT LOOK WHAT WE WON!
MIGHT SHOOT IT OUT? WHY, WE WON'T GET AROUND TO THAT UNTIL THIS SCOUNDREL TRIES TO NAME MY GRANDSON SOMETHING ELSE THAN SAMUEL LINCOLN WINTERS!
THE End

THE WEST WAS WILD IN THOSE DAYS, AND SO WAS THE BEAT OF—

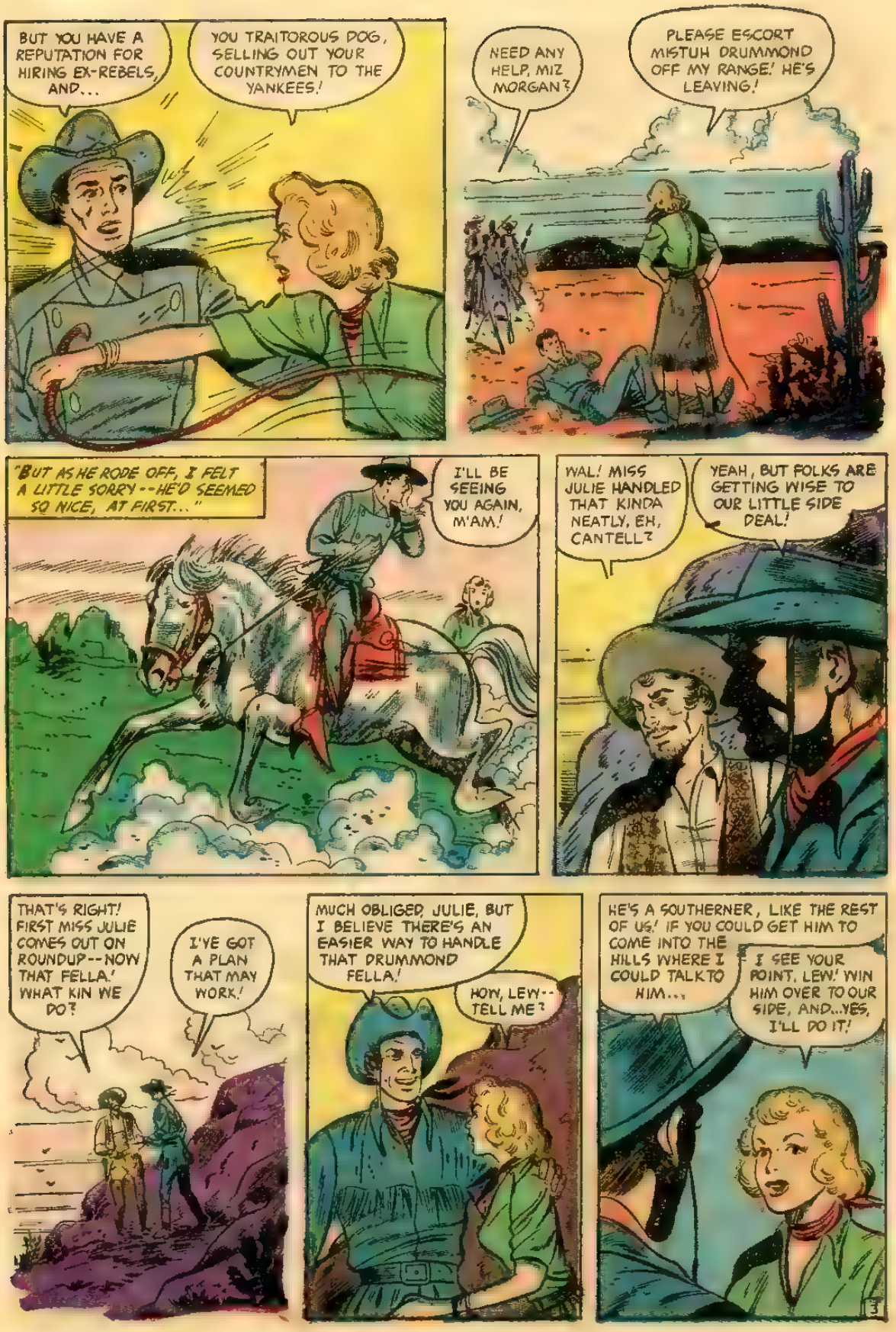
MY REBEL HEART


"I WAS STUBBORNLY LOYAL TO THE SOUTHERN CAUSE—EVEN AFTER THE CIVIL WAR ENDED. MY RANCH, THE TUMBLING Y, HAD BECOME A REFUGE FOR EMBITTERED REBELS WHO WANTED TO WORK—OR TO HIDE...
"BUT NOW A RUMOR HAD CIRCULATED THAT MY HERDS GREW FATTER WHILE MY NEIGHBORS' GREW THINNER.."





"THERE WASN'T ANY MARK ON IT, SO I GAVE MY BOYS THE WORD TO BRAND IT..."
WHEW! LUCKY THIS CALF WASN'T ONE O' THE OTHERS, EH, HACK?
QUIET, YOU FOOL - SHE'LL HEAR! CANTELL KIN HANDLE HER!
"LEW CANTELL, WITH THE SOFT VOICE AND DANGEROUS EYES... DID I LOVE HIM OR FEAR HIM?"
NO PLACE FOR ROPE BURNS ON THOSE PRETTY HANDS, JULIE!
I HAVE TO KNOW, LEW--THAT VICIOUS RUMOR...
NOTHING BUT NEIGHBORS' JEALOUSY! THEY HATE YOU BECAUSE YOU'RE STILL LOYAL TO OUR CAUSE...
WHY, RIGHT NOW I'M PLANNING TO RAISE A SECOND CONFEDERATE ARMY, GREATER THAN LEE'S... SOMEDAY WE'LL...
LEW, HIDE YOURSELF, QUICKLY--I HEAR HOOF BEATS!
"AND WHILE LEW FLED TO THE ROCKS, A STRANGE RIDER CAME DOWN THE SLOPE..."
PERMIT ME, MISS MORGAN--I'M JEB DRUMMOND, AN' I'M LOOKIN' FOR THIS MAN, LEW CANTELL! DOES HE WORK FOR YOU?
I'VE NEVER SEEN NOR HEARD OF HIM, SIR! SINCE WHEN DOES ONE SOUTHERNER HUNT ANOTHER SOUTHERNER?
THE WAR'S OVER, M'AM! CANTELL IS A RUSTLER, WANTED BY THE LAW--IF HE'S HERE YOU'D BETTER SPEAK UP!
I TOLD YOU, I'VE NEVER HEARD OF HIM!


BUT YOU HAVE A REPUTATION FOR HIRING EX-REBELS, AND...
YOU TRAITOROUS DOG, SELLING OUT YOUR COUNTRYMEN TO THE YANKEES!
NEED ANY HELP, MIZ MORGAN?
PLEASE ESCORT MISTUH DRUMMOND OFF MY RANGE! HE'S LEAVING!
"BUT AS HE RODE OFF, I FELT A LITTLE SORRY--HE'D SEEMED SO NICE, AT FIRST..."
I'LL BE SEEING YOU AGAIN, M'AM!
WAL! MISS JULIE HANDLED THAT KINDA NEATLY, EH, CANTELL?
YEAH, BUT FOLKS ARE GETTING WISE TO OUR LITTLE SIDE DEAL!
THAT'S RIGHT! FIRST MISS JULIE COMES OUT ON ROUNDUP--NOW THAT FELLA! WHAT KIN WE DO?
I'VE GOT A PLAN THAT MAY WORK!
MUCH OBLIGED, JULIE, BUT I BELIEVE THERE'S AN EASIER WAY TO HANDLE THAT DRUMMOND FELLA!
HOW, LEW--TELL ME?
HE'S A SOUTHERNER, LIKE THE REST OF US! IF YOU COULD GET HIM TO COME INTO THE HILLS WHERE I COULD TALK TO HIM...
I SEE YOUR POINT, LEW! WIN HIM OVER TO OUR SIDE, AND...YES, I'LL DO IT!
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"TO HAVE JEB DRUMMOND ON OUR SIDE SEEMED LIKE A PLEASING PROSPECT TO ME THEN-- BUT I'M SURE IF I COULD HAVE SEEN LEW CANTELL AND MY RIDERS THAT EVENING, I NEVER WOULD HAVE GONE THROUGH WITH THE PLAN..."

"FOR, THOUGH I DIDN'T KNOW IT THEN, MY MEN HAD OTHER PLANS...

ONLY THREE MEN GUARDING THE SIX-UP HERD! THIS'LL BE A CINCH, BOYS!

LET'S GO! MORE STOCK FOR THE MORGAN RANGE! KILL 'EM, IF YOU HAVE TO!

"THEN, THE NIGHT THUNDERED WITH STAMPEDING HOOFS..."

HEEE-YAAHH! GIT ALONG THAR!

"THAT SAME NIGHT, I MET JEB DRUMMOND AGAIN AT THE SQUARE DANCE IN TOWN..."

SINCE YOU'RE NOT WEARING YOUR QUIRT--MAY I HAVE THIS DANCE, M'AM?

I'M ASHAMED OF MYSELF FOR WHAT I DID, AND I'D LIKE TO MAKE AMENDS FOR IT!

YOU CAN START RIGHT IN BY CALLIN' ME JEB, MISS JULIE!

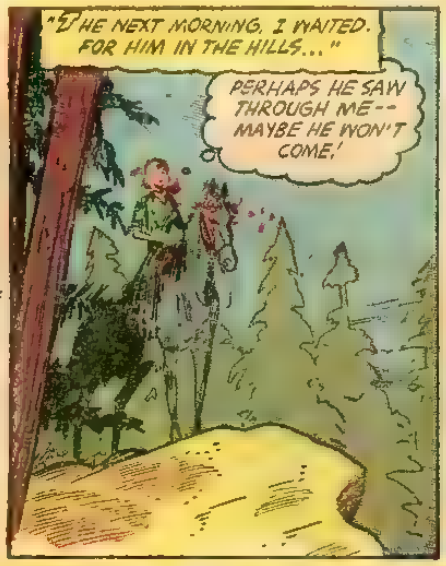
I'LL DO MORE THAN THAT, JEB! I KNOW WHERE LEW CANTELL IS!

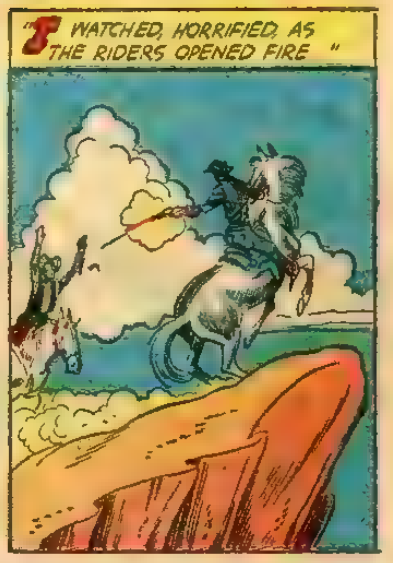
"HE LED ME OVER TO A CORNER, AND..."

HE'S AT YOUR PLACE THEN?

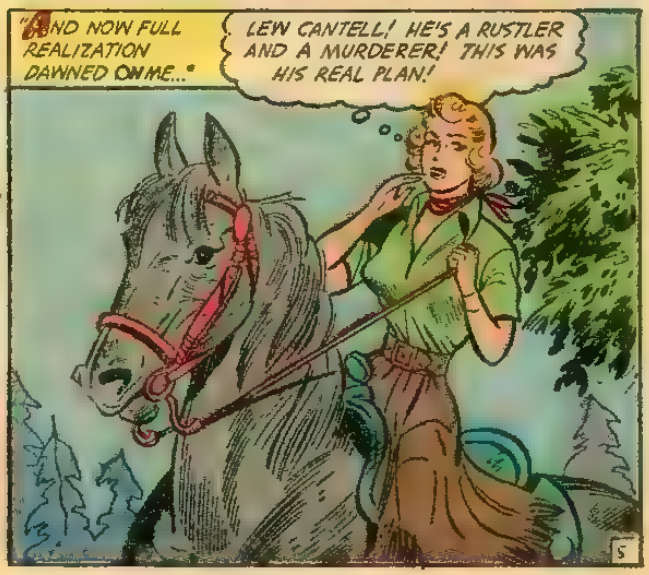
YES! BUT UP IN THE BACK HILLS SOMEWHERE. IF YOU'D CARE TO MEET ME TOMORROW, I COULD LEAD YOU TO HIM!

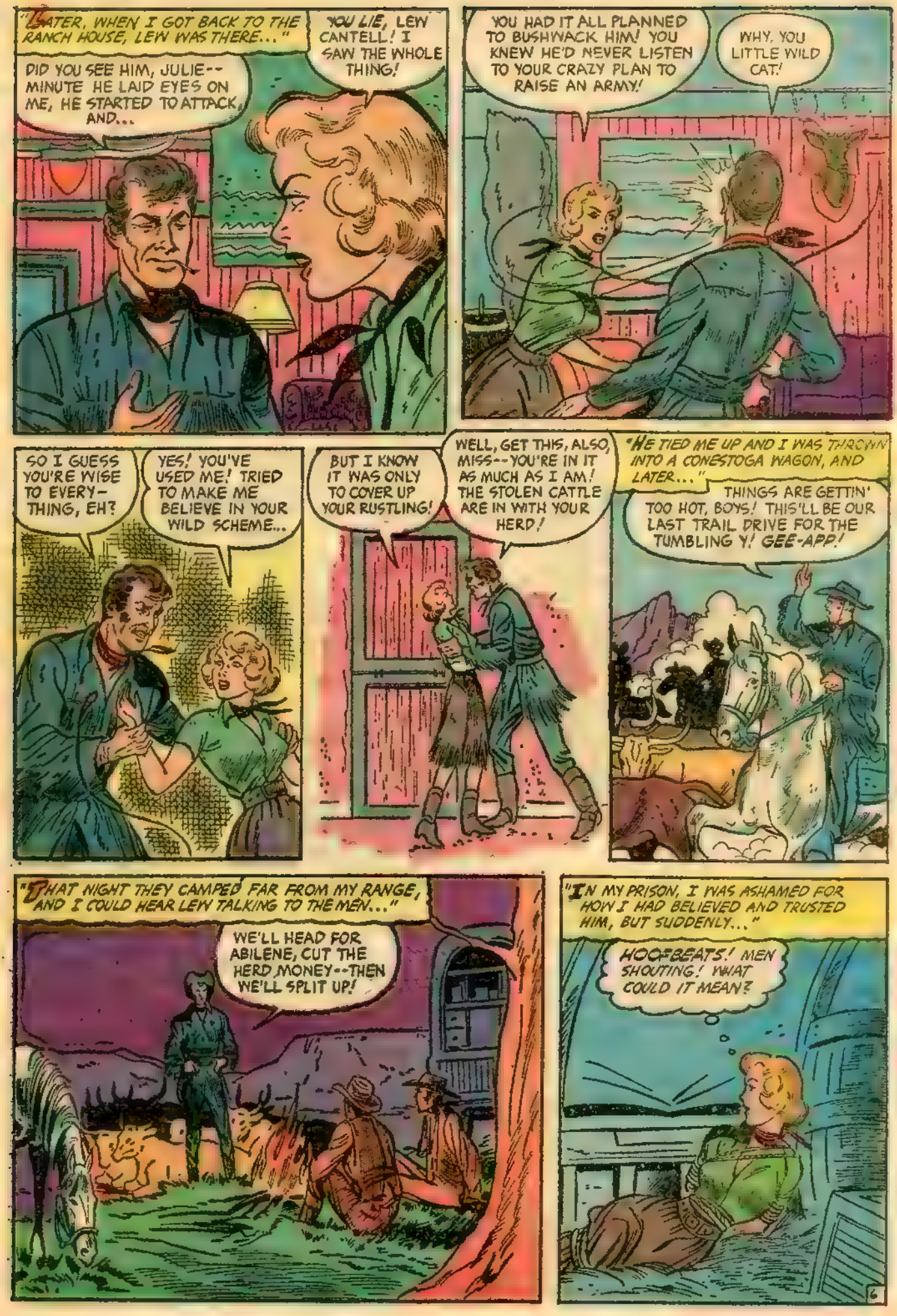
"HE AGREED, AND AS THE EVENING WORE ON, THOUGH DOUBTS BEGAN TO TWIST IN MY BRAIN, I HAD COME TO LIKE JEB DRUMMOND MORE THAN I CARED TO ADMIT--AND THE PROSPECT OF HAVING HIM WITH US WAS BECOMING AN OBSESSION..."





"I SCREAMED WHEN I SAW JEB AND HIS HORSE GO HURTLING OFF THE CLIFF..."




"LATER, WHEN I GOT BACK TO THE RANCH HOUSE, LEW WAS THERE..."
DID YOU SEE HIM, JULIE-- MINUTE HE LAID EYES ON ME, HE STARTED TO ATTACK, AND...
YOU LIE, LEW CANTELL! I SAW THE WHOLE THING!
YOU HAD IT ALL PLANNED TO BUSHWACK HIM! YOU KNEW HE'D NEVER LISTEN TO YOUR CRAZY PLAN TO RAISE AN ARMY!
WHY, YOU LITTLE WILD CAT!
SO I GUESS YOU'RE WISE TO EVERY-THING, EH?
YES! YOU'VE USED ME! TRIED TO MAKE ME BELIEVE IN YOUR WILD SCHEME...
BUT I KNOW IT WAS ONLY TO COVER UP YOUR RUSTLING!
WELL, GET THIS, ALSO, MISS--YOU'RE IN IT AS MUCH AS I AM! THE STOLEN CATTLE ARE IN WITH YOUR HERD!
"HE TIED ME UP AND I WAS THROWN INTO A CONESTOGA WAGON, AND LATER..."
THINGS ARE GETTIN' TOO HOT, BOYS! THIS'LL BE OUR LAST TRAIL DRIVE FOR THE TUMBLING Y! GEE-APP!
"THAT NIGHT THEY CAMPED FAR FROM MY RANGE, AND I COULD HEAR LEW TALKING TO THE MEN..."
WE'LL HEAD FOR ABILENE, CUT THE HERD, MONEY--THEN WE'LL SPLIT UP!
"IN MY PRISON, I WAS ASHAMED FOR HOW I HAD BELIEVED AND TRUSTED HIM, BUT SUDDENLY..."
HOOFBEATS! MEN SHOUTING! WHAT COULD IT MEAN?
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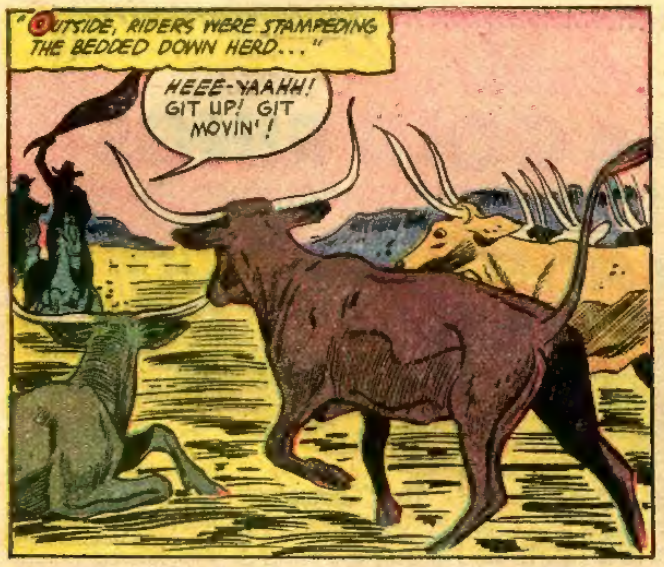
"OUTSIDE, RIDERS WERE STAMPEDING THE BEDDED DOWN HERD..."
HEEE-YAAHH! GIT UP! GIT MOVIN'!

"A FEW SHOTS RANG OUT, I COULD HEAR LEW BELLOWING..."
EVERY MAN FOR HIMSELF! COME ON, LET'S BEAT IT!

"FROM THE REAR OPENING OF THE WAGON, I SAW A DARK SWIFT SHAPE RUSH IN..."
NOT THIS TIME, CANTELL! YOUR HIDING DAYS ARE OVER!
DRUMMOND! I-I THOUGHT...

"NOW OTHER FIGURES CAME IN SHOOTING..."
HALT! PUT UP YOUR GUNS--THIS IS THE ARMY!

SOON..."
JEB! I WAS NEVER SO GLAD TO SEE THE UNION ARMY! BUT YOU'RE ALIVE!

YES, THANKS TO A RIVER BELOW THAT CLIFF CANTELL FORCED ME OFF! I GUESS YOU SEE HIM NOW FOR WHAT HE REALLY IS! TAKE HIM AWAY, MEN!

"AND LATER, ON MY OWN RANGE..."
THERE'S NO DISLOYALTY IN FIGHTING FOR LAW AND ORDER, JULIE!
YOU'RE RIGHT, JEB! IT'S I WHO'VE BEEN BLIND! MAYBE YOU'LL TEACH ME TO SEE RIGHT AGAIN!
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